



Board of Massage Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 5, 2009

9:00 a.m.

On Monday, January 5, 2009 the Board of Massage met via conference call. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT

NANCY ALLEN, LMP
LAURA WILLIAMS, LMP
MARTIN BERNSTEIN, PUBLIC MEMBER
MARISSA BROOKS, LMP, VICE CHAIR
SCOTT MILLER, LMP, CHAIR

STAFF PRESENT

KRIS WAIDELY, HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 3
JENNIFER SOMMER, PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE
GAIL YU, AAG
KRISTEN CULBERT, AAG

GUESTS PRESENT

HOLLY MARLATT
MERCEDES NEPTUNE
TERI ZELEPUZA

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Scott Miller, Chair at 9:07 a.m.
 - 1.1 Introductions – The Board, staff, and audience introduced themselves.
 - 1.2 Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved as presented.
 - 1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 27, 2008 – The October 27, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. **DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION** - Taylor Stair, Disciplinary Manager, shared profession specific disciplinary data including the number and type of complaints received. She reported there was an increase in both sexual misconduct and questionable conducts complaints from the 2003-2005 biennia and the 2005-2007 biennia. The total disciplinary actions have doubled in that time frame.
3. **THE FEDERATION OF STATE MASSAGE THERAPY BOARDS CONFERENCE**
Scott Miller, Marissa Brooks, and Laura Williams reported to the board regarding the October 2008 Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) Conference which they attended in SeaTac, Washington, October 16-19, 2008. Members reported to the Federation that they were interested in having them work on a database in which states could share information. Other topics discussed were the possibility of standardizing the exam, licensure, and curriculum.
4. **INITIAL AND RE-APPROVAL OF MASSAGE SCHOOLS/PROGRAMS PROCEDURE** – The board discussed the current procedure for initial and re-approval of massage schools/programs. Marissa volunteered to work with staff to update the procedure and bring it back to the next meeting for approval.
5. **JURISDICTION AND SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEWS** – Reviewing board members presented jurisdiction and school program approval requests for full board consideration and action.

APPLICATION REVIEWS:

- Spokane Community College – conditionally approved
 - Northwest Academy for the Healing Arts – approved
 - Australian College of Natural Medicine – conditionally approved
6. **PROGRAM REPORT** – Information provided to the board by the Program Manager.
 - a. Budget update – Interim operation reports were provided and explained.
 - b. Other – The disciplinary process was explained. Marissa Brooks would like regular updates on types of cases that are being opened. Scott Miller expressed his interest in going to the schools and teaching about continuing educations, laws, etc. Kris Waidely suggested as a cost savings idea to have the board make a video that can be sent to the schools outlining all the information the board finds vital.
 7. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Kris Waidely
Health Services Consultant 3

Scott Miller, LMP, Board Chair
Board of Massage